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PREPARATION FOR VOCATION AND AVOCATION INSEPARABLE

U.S. Senator Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.), speaking at the 70th Annual American Vocational Association Convention December 4th in Houston, stressed that the task ahead for educators "is to prepare men and women both for the world of ideas and for the world of work, to prepare them for their vocation and their avocation."

Pell, a co-sponsor of the 1976 Education Amendments which will extend federal voc-ed funding into the 1980s, said "the two are inseparable, so we must resolve to educate the whole person for a profitable and rewarding life. In doing that we will do more than has ever been done before."

Two harmful trends in education must be overcome in the process, he said. "The first fault is the old tendency of educators to act apart from the rest of society," and the other is "the divisiveness that exists between the parties that make up the educational community."

Pell feels these trends have contributed greatly to the public's growing disillusionment about all education programs and about the value of education in general. "We have promised that education is the way to a better life, yet we have not met that promise with action."

He talked of a mismatch between educational programs and the realities of the work world. "Each year, we graduate thousands of liberal arts majors from our schools who have no employable skills and who have not the slightest idea about the career opportunities open to them," he said.

"The sad irony is that each year we also graduate far too many vocational education students who have learned obsolete skills and who equally have no idea about the job market they face."

Zeroing in on voc-ed, Pell said "far too many vocational courses are limited to teaching only one skill or to giving instruction in simple mechanical tasks. This is training for one job only, and today that is not enough."



Sen. Claiborne Pell

"The new labor force is far too diverse, far too mobile, and far too ambitious for that," he added. "They want training and support that will last them throughout their careers."

To prepare people to live and make a living, Pell said "vocational educators must work hand in glove with teachers of academic disciplines and with representatives from all disciplines and agencies."

"There must be coordination during the course of the school term, and there must be coordination in the planning process before the school term begins," he said.

Pell emphasized that "we have been too concerned with immediate problems and not with long-term solutions. We have done a thorough job of training people at simple tasks, but we have not done a good job of helping men and women advance in the economy. In the future that is what we must do."

ICE, PATTERSON SEEKING AVA OFFICES

ACTIVE Executive Director Alton Ice, and Bob Patterson, State Director for Trade and Industrial Education with the Texas Education Agency, are candidates for American Vocational Education Association (See ICE, PATTERSON, page 2)

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tional Association offices.

Ice and Arden Pratt, Dean of the Division of Technical Education at Southern Illinois University, are the two candidates for AVA president-elect. Patterson is a candidate for vice-president of AVA's Trade and Industrial Education Division.

The candidates were nominated December 8th at the 70th Annual AVA Convention in Houston.

Biographical sketches on all candidates for AVA offices will appear in the April 1977 edition of the American Vocational Journal. Ballots will be mailed to all AVA members in April. Ballots must be postmarked back to AVA by May 10th. The winners will take office July 1.

Gene Bottoms, of the Georgia State Department of Education, is presently serving as AVA president. He will serve in that post until July 1 at which time the current president-elect Gordon Swanson, of the University of Minnesota, will take over as president.

Also during the AVA Convention in Houston, Albert Timmerman, an agriculture teacher from Rockdale, was elected vice-president of the National Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association.



Alton D. Ice



Bob Patterson

VOC-ED ISSUES ADDRESSED AT USOE MEETING

The U. S. Office of Education (USOE) held a meeting in Austin November 29th to solicit input relative to points in the Education Amendments of 1976 which require clarification, interpretation, or the setting of

special criteria prior to the development of federal regulations which will accompany the implementation of the legislation.

About 75 representatives from education, government, labor, industry, civic and professional organizations were on hand to view an informational slide/tape presentation on the legislation itself and to review issues basic to the implementation of the Act which were published in the November 10th Federal Register.

The Austin meeting was one of 63 being held across the nation. Input obtained from the meetings will be turned over to a USOE Task Force which will write the federal regulations for the legislation.

When the proposed regulations have been written, they will appear in the Federal Register at which time anyone may provide input prior to their final issuance.

There were 15 issues addressed. They were:

- guidelines for state plans
- sex stereotyping in voc-ed
- state administration
- state advisory council role in state board evaluations
- fiscal independence of state advisory councils
- local advisory councils
- student organizations
- general application (assurances)
- vocational guidance and counseling
- determination of academic handicaps
- permissible number of hours of work under the work-study program
- accountability and evaluation
- consumer and homemaking education
- achieving equitable distribution of assistance under bilingual voc-ed programs
- appeal of state board decision to the commissioner

Bill Cummins with the Region VI USOE Office in Dallas was the USOE representative at the Austin meeting.

GOV'S CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES, WORKSHOP TOPICS FINALIZED

The objectives and workshop topics have been finalized for the February 15-16 Governor's (See GOV'S CONFERENCE, page 3)

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Conference on Technical-Vocational Education in Texas to be held at the Municipal Auditorium in Austin, according to David Pickett, chairman of the ACTIVE's Governor's Conference Planning Committee

Governor Briscoe and the ACTIVE are co-sponsoring the conference. The theme will be "Vocational Education...Gateway to the Future."

Conference objectives are:

- to provide a forum on vocational, technical, adult, and manpower education for the citizens of Texas;
- to assess the developments in vocational, technical, adult, and manpower education since the 1973 Governor's Conference;
- to examine key issues in vocational, technical, adult, and manpower education in Texas;
- to determine appropriate actions and develop recommendations needed to ensure that vocational, technical, adult, and manpower education programs are commensurate with the needs of the State's work force and economy.

The conference will feature two general sessions, a reception, and a banquet. In addition, there will be nine workshops aimed at soliciting input relative to a variety of major issues. Workshop topics are:

- Funding Vocational, Technical, Adult, and Manpower Education Programs in Texas
- Education Program Effectiveness
- Delivery Systems that Will Provide Vocational Training Opportunities to Citizens of the State
- Making Meaningful Career Decisions
- Adult Education and Special Services
- Information and Data Systems and Their Roles in the Planning and Management of Education Experiences
- Parenthood Education
- Effective Utilization of Advisory Committees at all Levels
- The Student Viewpoint

Information regarding speakers, registration, and exhibits will appear in the January issue of the ACTIVE News.

STATE PLAN SEMINARS CONDUCTED

A series of seminars aimed at soliciting local input on the development of the FY '78 State Plan for Vocational Education were held across Texas November 16-19 by the Texas Education Agency.

Seminars were held in each of the 20 Regional Education Service Centers. "The chief benefit gained from the seminars was input on how TEA's Department of Occupational Education and Technology can improve its efforts in administering and delivering voc-ed services," said Cadar Parr, TEA's Associate Commissioner for Occupational Education and Technology.

Input was received from several hundred administrators, teachers, and counselors. Dialogue covered such broad areas as public school finance, research, teacher qualifications, program standards, area schools, and administration, etc.

"Copies of the input received from the seminars will be made available through the education service centers during January," said Parr. Copies can also be obtained by contacting Parr at TEA, 201 East 11th Street, Austin, 78701, 512/475-2585.

TEA plans to conduct a series of seminars on the FY '79 State Plan next fall. "We plan to have a copy of the FY '78 plan in the hands of administrators and the service centers at least one month in advance," said Parr.

EPDA PROJECT FUNDS AVAILABLE

"Federal funds are available to support FY '77 activities under the Education Professions Development Act," according to Cadar Parr, Associate Commissioner for Occupational Education and Technology with the Texas Education Agency.

The funds can be used to support inservice or preservice state projects in the following priority areas:

- to update the occupational competencies and teaching techniques of occupational education teachers and ancillary personnel.
- to continue inservice education for occupational teachers of the disadvantaged and handicapped.

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- to update the competencies of professional occupational personnel educators.
- to prepare professional personnel to help students acquire meaningful occupation related information.
- to aid the state staff in utilizing management by objectives concepts for decision making.

The deadline for the submission of applications for projects to the Texas Education Agency's DOET is February 1. Necessary proposal forms and further information are available from: Leo M. Schreiner, Educational Program Director, TEA's DOET, 201 East 11th Street, Austin, 78701, 512/475-6205.

VOC-ED WEEK MATERIALS

The American Vocational Association is offering a variety of promotional materials for Vocational Education Week slated for February 6-12.

Available from AVA are posters, bulletins, TV

slides, award certificates, radio/tv spot announcements, newspaper article formats, sample proclamations, and other public relations ideas. The VEW theme is "Vocational Education Builds the Skills of America."

For an order form, write the AVA at 1510 H Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20005.

The ACTVE has developed a brochure entitled "Vocational Education...Gateway to Careers." See following news story.

VOC-ED BROCHURE AVAILABLE

The ACTVE has published a brochure entitled, "Vocational Education...Gateway to Careers."

The brochure, in color with illustrations, focuses on the role of vocational education and what it strives to achieve. The brochure also contains facts and figures which support the importance of voc-ed to meeting the state's socioeconomic needs.

Requests for the brochure should be directed to the ACTVE News.

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